

Amendment No. 1 to HB1630

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 876\***

**House Bill No. 1630**

By adding the following language as a preamble to precede the enacting clause:

WHEREAS, recycling, composting, reuse, and waste source reduction would achieve a substantial reduction in the amount of solid waste disposed in Class I disposals facilities in Tennessee, thus preserving limited capacity of such disposal facilities and reducing the need for new facilities; and

WHEREAS, waste that is recycled or composted is also waste that does not become litter, fouling our highways and beautiful landscapes; and

WHEREAS, more citizens would engage in reducing waste that ends up in landfills if there were readily available means to divert such waste to more productive uses; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is uniquely posed to facilitate ways to reduce Tennessee's waste stream, to encourage permanent habits of prudence with products used and then disposed of, and to reduce the abysmal amount of litter tarnishing our state; now, therefore,

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting all of the language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a special joint committee to conduct a comprehensive study on litter, solid waste disposal, and recycling in Tennessee.

SECTION 2. The committee shall consist of eight (8) members: four (4) members of the Senate Environment, Conservation, and Tourism Committee, two (2) members of the House Conservation and Environment Committee, and two (2) members of the House State and Local Government Committee, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

SECTION 3. All legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

SECTION 4. The special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

SECTION 5. All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

SECTION 6. The special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly no later than December 31, 2010, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.